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## DIVORCE – From the book LIFE AND SEX

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“Divorce is a human law that aims to separate legally those who are already separated. It is not contrary to the law of God, for it only reforms what men have done and is only applicable in cases where divine law has not been taken into account.”

From THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SPIRITISM

Assuming that conjugal unions do not exist by chance, divorce, strictly speaking, should not be made easy among people.

It is there, in the marital bonds defined by the laws of the world, that refinements and reconciliations are carried out aimed at the precise sublimation of the soul.

Marriage will always be a benevolent institution, welcoming, on the threshold, in flowers of joy and hope, those whom life awaits for the work of their own improvement and perpetuation. With it, progress gains new horizons and the law of rebirth achieves the ends towards which it is headed.

However, Divine Wisdom never institutes principles of violence, and the Spirit, although in many situations it aggravates its own debts, has the faculty to interrupt, refuse, modify, discuss or temporarily postpone the fulfillment of the commitments it has undertaken.

In many instances of experience, it is the individuality itself, in the life of the Spirit, before reincarnation, that signals to itself the difficult marriage that it will face in the physical state,

calling upon its partner from past existences for adjustments that will pacify its conscience, in view of errors perpetrated in other times.

However, having been brought back to the earthly spotlight and having assumed the spousal union that it had drawn upon itself, it finds itself discouraged by the obstacles that unfold before it.

Sometimes, the partner returns to the cruelty of the past, whether through contempt, disrespect, violence or disloyalty, and the injured spouse does not always find the resources within himself or herself to overcome the processes of moral dilapidation of which he or she is a victim.

Often forced to the last frontiers of resistance, it is natural that the husband or wife, relegated to undue suffering, resorts to divorce as an extreme measure against suicide, homicide or other calamities that would complicate their fate even more. In these moments of experience, separation appears as a necessary blessing and the injured spouse finds in the court of his or her own conscience the moral support of self-approval to renew the path that concerns him or her, welcoming or not new company for the human journey.

Obviously, it is not permissible for us to encourage divorce at any time. It is our sole responsibility to comfort and encourage the brothers and sisters in conflict, in marriages of trial, so that they may overcome their own susceptibilities and afflictions, overcoming the difficult stages of regeneration or atonement that they prayed for before being reborn on the Physical Plane, to help themselves.

Even so, it is fair to recognize that slavery does not come from God and no one has the right to torture anyone, in the face of eternal laws.

Divorce, therefore, based on just reasons, is a human providence and clearly understandable in the processes of peaceful evolution.

Indeed, Jesus taught: **“What God has joined together, do not separate”** (Matthew 19:6), and it is not up to us to interfere in the life of any spouse with the intention of removing them from the obligation to which they have been entrusted. However, it is not up to us to separate those whom God’s Laws have brought together for certain purposes; it is they themselves, the friends who have been united by the bonds of marriage, who wish to separate from each other, and our only obligation is to respect their free choice without harming their decision.

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